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In re Application of: )  
Christian Behl et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/856,681 )  
Filed: August 3, 2001 ) Examiner: Nichols, Christopher J.  
For: HUMAN SEMAPHORIN 6A-1 ) Art Unit: 1647  
(SEMA6A-A), A GENE INVOLVED IN )  
NEURONAL DEVELOPMENT AND )  
REGENERATION MECHANISMS )  
DURING APOPTOSIS, AND ITS USE )  
AS A POTENTIAL DRUG TARGET )

### **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed August 25, 2004, in the patent application identified above, with a one-month period of respond expiring on September 25, 2004, and requiring the submission of new Figure 6, the applicants enclose herewith one sheet of formal drawings.

The Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification states that an inconsistency exists between the drawings filed February 17, 2004 and the Brief

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*Response To Notice of Drawing Inconsistency*

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Description of the Drawings in the specification, in that Figures 6A and 6B listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings are not contained in the drawings, whereas Figure 6 is contained in the drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings.

Applicants respectfully assert that the above inconsistency did not exist in the application as originally filed or upon submission of amended Figure 6 on February 13, 2004. **Both amended Figure 6 filed on February 13, 2004, and the originally filed Figure 6 contain reference signs 6a and 6b.** Brief Description of the Drawings in the originally filed specification refers to Figure 6 (see p. 7, line 6), further listing Figures 6a and 6b. Therefore, insofar as references to 6a and 6b are concerned, the Brief Description of the Drawings and Figure 6 were consistent with each other on filing and upon submission of amended Figure 6 on February 13, 2004.

Figure 6 submitted herewith contains reference signs 6a and 6b and is consistent with the Brief Description of Drawings. Applicants respectfully assert that no informalities remain in the application and request that it be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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